



# MISSOULA RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

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EXHIBIT 1  
DATE 2-17-11  
HB 508

2-16-2011

Chairman Gary MacLaren  
Montana House of Representatives  
P.O. Box 200400  
Helena, Montana 59620

Dear Chairman MacLaren and members of Local Government Committee:

The Board of Trustees of The Missoula Rural Fire District would like to offer this letter in support of the passage of HB 508. We feel that the firefighters are the most valuable asset of any fire district. Firefighting is an inherently dangerous profession and we want our firefighters to be adequately protected, should they be injured in the line of duty.

Firefighters who work for Municipal Fire Departments in Montana are already afforded this protection. The Missoula Rural Fire District Board of Trustees feels that this same protection should be provided to firefighters employed by fire districts. This protection would not impose an additional financial burden on The Missoula Rural Fire District.

On January 11, 2011, in the course of our regular monthly meeting, The Missoula Rural Fire District Board of Trustees unanimously decided to support this important legislation. Once HB 508 is passed, we will rest easier knowing our firefighters and their families will be supported in the event a firefighter is injured while on duty.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Hanson, Chair  
Missoula Rural Fire Board of Trustees



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Honorable Members of the Local Government Committee  
Montana State Capitol Building  
Helena, MT 59601

Re: HB 508, **PLEASE SUPPORT HB 508**

Dear Committee Members:

The Missoula Rural Fire District would appreciate and highly endorses the passage of HB508. As you know, in the fire service, our personnel and the ability for our firefighters to be adequately protected if injured on the job is of the utmost importance. It is the very least we can do to help protect them while providing such an essential service to our communities.

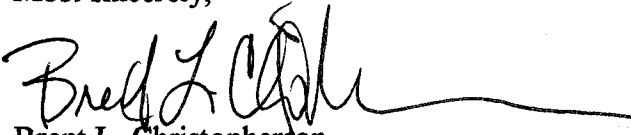
We believe it is vital that this piece of legislation be passed so that fire fighters in fire districts are allowed to have the same protection afforded as in the Montana municipal fire departments if injured on the job.

The Missoula Rural Fire District strongly supports this legislation and would appreciate its passage so that if one of our firefighters is injured, that they will be taken care of along with their family and children while the appropriate recovery time is being completed.

The Missoula Rural Fire District, or the State of Montana, would not incur any additional financial impact if this legislation moves forward and is passed.

The Missoula Rural Fire District fire administration along with our Board of Trustees support this legislation and if you have any questions or need anything from us, please don't hesitate to call on us.

Most sincerely,

  
Brent L. Christopherson  
Assistant Chief